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Thank you Helen! We added those talking points to our notes for the Q&A.

Thank you,

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Hello, Chris, Dan, and John.

In case the topic comes up (or you want to raise it), here are some suggested talking points you could use to describe the ATSDR Health Assessment:

- A Health Assessment is required by the Superfund Law (CERCLA), but it is separate from the site investigation being carried out by the Corps. This can be confusing, so we wanted to take a few minutes to explain.
- CERCLA requires the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to perform a Health Assessment for each facility on the National Priorities List. The Health Assessment is to be completed within a year of the listing decision. ATSDR has already reached out to the Corps and to EPA to inform us that the Health Assessment has begun. The Assessment will be conducted independently, with no involvement by the Corps.
- Although the Health Assessment will be reviewed and ultimately issued by ATSDR, the lead authors of the report are **Todd Hudson and Dave Farrer** from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). OHA may use the term "Health Assessment" or "Public Health Assessment" to describe the report.
- OHA has started reaching out to tribal governments and local government authorities to collect information for the Health Assessment. To those of you who have already responded to OHA's questions, thank you. The information you provide will help ensure a thorough and accurate evaluation.
- The Health Assessment will include a preliminary assessment of potential risks to human health posed by the site. It may also include recommendations for short-term measures to reduce risk, if warranted.
- The Corps will review and carefully consider the findings of the Health Assessment when it is complete.
- The final report will be available to the public. The Corps will include the Health Assessment in the administrative record and share news about the report's release when it is available.

Hope this is helpful. Talk to you soon!

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